



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.
Application Serial No.: 09/883,130
Filing Date : June 15, 2001
Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING DIGITAL
IMAGES OF OBJECTS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED
SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERNS BY ILLUMINATING SAID
OBJECTS WITH SPATIALLY AND/OR TEMPORALLY
COHERENT-REDUCED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION
Examiner : Ahshik Kim
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-106USA000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants request a two month extension of time in order to file the accompanying Response to Office Action dated August 13, 2003. The extended response time to file the Response to Office Action will expire on January 13, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$420.00, as well as any other fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-1340. A duplicate of this document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 13, 2004

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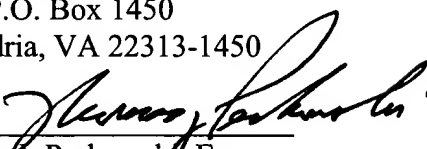
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